

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 404

Whereas The Sunday Times reporter Marie Colvin was killed during the shelling of a makeshift media center in the Baba Amr neighborhood of the besieged Syrian city of Homs on February 22, 2012, along with French photographer Rémi Ochlik;

Whereas Ms. Colvin leaves behind a beloved family where she grew up in the State of New York, was educated and began her journalistic career in the United States, and throughout her career as one of the foremost war correspondents of her generation exemplified American values of humanity, accountability, decency, transparency, and courage;

Whereas Ms. Colvin worked with relentless bravery to report on the recent uprising in Syria and to expose crimes against humanity, human-rights violations, and the ravages of war in conflict zones throughout the world, including the Balkans, the Chechen Republic, Libya, and Sri Lanka, where she was seriously wounded and lost vision in 1 eye;

Whereas Ms. Colvin shed light on human-rights violations through her courageous reporting on how these conflicts affected the lives of individuals;

Whereas the actions of Ms. Colvin in Timor-Leste are widely credited with averting a massacre;

Whereas Ms. Colvin said, "Covering a war means going to places torn by chaos, destruction, and death, and trying to bear witness. It means trying to find the truth in a sandstorm of propaganda when armies, tribes or terrorists clash. And yes, it means taking risks, not just for yourself but often for the people who work closely with you.";

Whereas the work of Ms. Colvin exemplifies the best qualities of journalism;

Whereas Ms. Colvin was awarded the 2000 Courage in Journalism Award from the International Women's Media Foundation for behind-the-lines action in Kosovo and the Chechen Republic, twice named Foreign Reporter of the Year at the British Press Awards, named the Journalist of the Year by the Foreign Press Association in 2000, and named Woman Journalist of the Year by the Foreign Press Association in 2010; and

Whereas Ms. Colvin and brave journalists have lost their lives serving as the conscience of the world: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) extends its sympathy to the families of Ms. Colvin and other reporters who have died reporting from conflict zones;

(2) recognizes the bravery of Ms. Colvin and other correspondents and photographers who have lost their lives while exposing the truth;

(3) calls on the world community to honor the memories of Ms. Colvin and other reporters; and

(4) calls on the government of Syria to halt the brutal attacks against the people of Syria and to respect their human rights.

#### AUTHORIZING SENATE CHAMBER PHOTOGRAPH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 405, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 405) authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 405) was agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 405

*Resolved*, That paragraph 1 of rule IV of the Rules for the Regulation of the Senate Wing of the United States Capitol and Senate Office Buildings (prohibiting the taking of pictures in the Senate Chamber) be temporarily suspended for the sole and specific purpose of permitting the Senate Photographic Studio to photograph the United States Senate in actual session on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at the hour of 2:15 p.m.

SEC. 2. The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate is authorized and directed to make the necessary arrangements therefore, which arrangements shall provide for a minimum of disruption to Senate proceedings.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 5, S. 2230, AND S. 2231

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am told there are three bills at the desk due for a first reading, and I ask unanimous consent that the clerk report all three.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5) to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

A bill (S. 2230) to reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers.

A bill (S. 2231) to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading on each of the three bills but object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

#### APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Republican leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, Public Law 107-228, and Public Law 112-75, appoints the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser of Arizona, Vice Richard D. Land.

#### AUTHORITY FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding

the adjournment of the Senate, the RECORD remain open until 7:15 p.m. this evening for the submission of written colloquies.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until Monday, March 26, at 2 p.m.; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 4:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 337, S. 2204, the Repeal Big Oil Tax Subsidies Act, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or designees; further, that the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 2204 be at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, and that if cloture is not invoked, there be 2 minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form, prior to the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 1789.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there will be up to two rollcall votes on Monday at about 5:30. The first vote will be a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 2204. If cloture is not invoked, there will be a second cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 1789, the postal reform bill.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:28 p.m., adjourned until Monday, March 26, 2012, at 2 p.m.

#### DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations by unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PETER S. AIRL AND ENDING WITH SHAMBREKIA N. WISE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2012.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate March 22, 2012: